

REMARKS

Claims 1-12, 15-28, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §§102(b) or 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,755,859 to Solari, either alone or in combination with U.S. Patent 4,983,047 to Netto or French Patent 2,579,174 to Ausnit. Claims 1-32 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite, but Claims 13, 14, 29 and 30 were considered contain allowable subject matter.

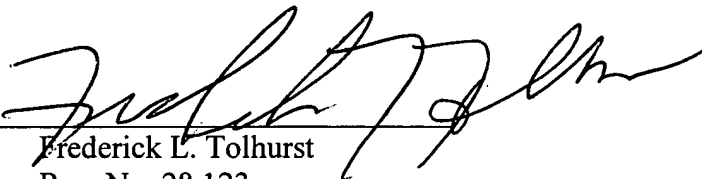
In response to the last Official Action, Claim 1 has been amended to more particularly point out the subject matter of the invention and to include the structure of former Claims 11 and 13 in independent form. Similarly, new Claim 33 has been added to include the structure of Claims 11 and 14 in independent form. Claim 17 has been amended to more particularly point out the subject matter of the invention and to include the structure of former Claims 27 and 30 in independent form. Also, new Claim 34 has been added to include the structure of Claims 27 and 30 in independent form. Claims 17-30 have been canceled in accordance with the foregoing amendments.

In accordance with the foregoing amendments to the claims, Claims 1, 17, 33 and 34 have been amended to include the subject matter that the Examiner has found to be allowable. Claims 2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 31 and 32 have been amended in accordance with the amendments to Claims 1 and 17 and the addition of new Claims 33 and 34. Claims 2, 6, 7, 15, 16, 18, 22, 23, 31 and 32 depend from Claims 1, 17, 33 or 34 and, among other reasons, are patentable for the same reasons as Claims 1, 17, 33 or 34.

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Accordingly, Claims 1-10, 12, 15-26, and 31-34 as presently amended are in condition
for allowance and such allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

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